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Parish Cabin Fire Closure Lifted

John Day, OR – Malheur National Forest officials have lifted the Parish Cabin Fire area closure, effective Friday, August 23.

However, for public safety, two roads within the Parish Cabin fire boundary will remain closed to motorized traffic: Forest Service Road 1530-065 (past the junction with FR 1530-069) and Forest Service Road 1540-098 (beyond a point 1.3 miles from FR1640).

Off-road motorized travel within the fire area remains prohibited.

"With hunting season beginning, we strongly urge folks to be observant and to use caution when entering the fire area as there are many potential hazards such as falling trees, rolling rocks, and holes covered by debris," said Dave Halameier, Blue Mountain District Ranger.

Despite the recent precipitation in the area, fire danger remains extreme and visitors are reminded that public use restrictions remain in effect, campfires are only allowed in designated recreation sites, and firewood cutting is not permitted on the Forest.

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact the Malheur National Forest at 541-575-3000.

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